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NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY
XXCC THE 1ST AND 3RD BATTALIONS, PAVN 803RD REGIMENT, CONTINUED THEIR OFFENSIVE IN THE AREA IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF CUA VIET (16-52N 107-10E, YD 340700). ON 1 FEBRUARY THE 1ST BATTALION WAS ORDERED TO STRIKE HOANG HA (16-54N 107-10E, YD 299686) AND BACH CAU (16-52N 107-09E, YD 285677) AND PLANS FOR A THREE-PRONGED REGIMENTAL-SIZED ATTACK AGAINST THE AREA SOUTHEAST OF LAM XUAN (16-54N 107-09E, YD 285688) WERE MENTIONED, BUT ONLY SNIPER AND BLOCKING ACTIVITY WERE SUBSEQUENTLY REFLECTED. ON 4 FEBRUARY, THE 3RD BATTALION WAS ENGAGED IN RECONNAISSANCE OF HOANG HA AND BACH CAU AND PREPARING FOR THE ARRIVAL OF REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS NEAR LAM XUAN WEST (16-54N 107-07E, YD 270700). (3/0/ R27-68. R28-68. R29-68. R30-68. R31-68. R32-68. 2/GII/VCM/R247-67, 041403Z. R221-68, 300734Z) ~~(SECRET SAVIN)~~ ON 6 FEBRUARY, AN UNIDENTIFIED PAVN ELEMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THE PAVN 559TH TRANSPORTATION GROUP AND ACTIVE IN THE A SHAU VALLEY AREA REPORTED THAT "OUR PISTON-ENGINE AIRCRAFT" WOULD FLY FROM SONG CHON (UNLOCATED) TO THE A SHAU VALLEY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 1200G TO 2400G ON 6 FEBRUARY. THE SAME MESSAGE WARNED AGAINST FIRING AT THE PLANES, AND A LATER MESSAGE MENTIONED PICKING UP FIREWOOD AND POSSIBLY LIGHTING FIRES AT THE A SHAU AIRFIELD. IN POSSIBLY RELATED ACTIVITY, THE TENTATIVE 66TH BATTALION, 275TH REGIMENT--BELIEVED TO BE IN NGHE AN PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM--ALSO MENTIONED "OUR PISTON-ENGINE AIRCRAFT" AND STATED THAT THE AIRCRAFT WILL BE ACTIVE ON THE WAY FROM HANOI POSSIBLY TO QUANG BINH, FROM 1700G ON 6 FEBRUARY TO 0500G ON 7 FEBRUARY. (3/0/ R32-68) ~~(SECRET SAVIN)~~ B. CHICOM FORCES STATUS OF CHICOM FORCES, NORTH VIETNAM COMMUNICATIONS SERVING CHICOM FORCES, NORTH VIETNAM REMAINED ACTIVE AND WITHOUT NOTEWORTHY CHANGE DURING THE PAST WEEK. CURRENTLY THERE IS NO SIGINT EVIDENCE TO INDICATE THAT CHINESE COMMUNIST GROUND COMBAT UNITS HAVE ENTERED OR ARE ABOUT TO ENTER NORTH VIETNAM. ~~(SECRET SAVIN)~~ II. NON-COMMUNIST SOUTHEAST ASIA A. LAOS LAOTIAN MILITARY SITUATION ALTHOUGH NO DISCERNIBLE PROLONGED COMMUNIST CONTACTS IN LAOS WERE REVEALED IN SIGINT DURING THE PAST WEEK, ROYAL LAOTIAN ARMY (RLA) FORCES IN ALL MILITARY REGIONS HAVE BEEN ALERTED BECAUSE OF THE RECENT COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE IN SOUTH VIETNAM. NORTH LAOS MILITARY REGION 1 THREE PAVN BATTALIONS REPORTEDLY

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WERE NEAR THE NAM SENG (RIVER) AT BAN BOM VANG, TH 7967 (20-29N 102-53E) ON 28 JANUARY. IN THE NAM HOU (RIVER) AREA, AT LEAST TWO ENEMY BATTALIONS WERE REPORTED NEAR THE NEUTRALIST MOBILE GROUP (GM) 801 8TH INFANTRY BATTALION WHICH WAS AT BAN HAT KHO, TH 2541 (20-07N 102-17E) ON 1 FEBRUARY. THREE DAYS LATER THE NEUTRALIST BATTALION RE- PORTEDLY RETURNED TO MUONG SOUI (19-32N 102-54E, TG 7960). THE RLA REPORTED THAT DURING JANUARY THERE WERE 15 ENEMY BATTALIONS AND 3 ENEMY REGIMENTS IN MR 1. IN OTHER DEVELOPMENTS, AN UNCONFIRMED BURMESE MILITARY REPORT LISTS 10,000 MEN CONSISTING OF "2000 LAOTIANS AND 8000 CHICOM" TROOPS DEPLOYED AT PEIN-HSIN, BURMA (21-11N 100-16E, PD 3243) ON 31 DECEMBER. THESE FORCES REPORTEDLY WERE ACTIVE IN LAOS AT MUONG SA (21-00N 100-36E, PD 6623) ON 20 DECEMBER. MILITARY REGION 2 ON 30 JANUARY, MUONG KOUT (20-19N 103-22E, UH 3048) FELL TO AN ENEMY BATTALION. A SECOND RLA POSITION, AT MUONG NGAN (19-09N 103-43E, UG 6518), FELL TO TWO ENEMY BATTALIONS ON 3 FEBRUARY. SIX ENEMY BATTALIONS HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN THE MUONG NGAN AREA. IN THE PHOU PHA THI AREA, MUONG YUT (20-24N 103-45E, UH 7057) FELL TO A PAVN BATTALION ON 2 FEBRUARY. SIX ENEMY BATTALIONS DEPLOYED NORTHWEST OF SAM NEUA AT UH 9769 (20-31N 104-01E) REPORTEDLY PLANNED TO MOVE TO BAN HOU EI HAO (20-30N 105-52E, UH 8369) TO ATTACK PHA THI, ABOUT 6 KM TO THE WEST. OTHER COMMUNIST UNITS REPORTED IN THE VICINITY INCLUDE A PL/ PAVN BATTALION WITH TWO AMMUNITION DUMPS WEST OF SAM NEUA AT UH 8658 (20-25N 103-55E), FIVE PAVN COMPANIES NORTHEAST OF MUONG YUT AT UH 7259 (20-26N 103-46E) AND A PAVN BATTALION WITH TWO PL COMPANIES FARTHER TO THE NORTHEAST AT UH 8369 (20-31N 103-53E). XXHH 900 NNNN.

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